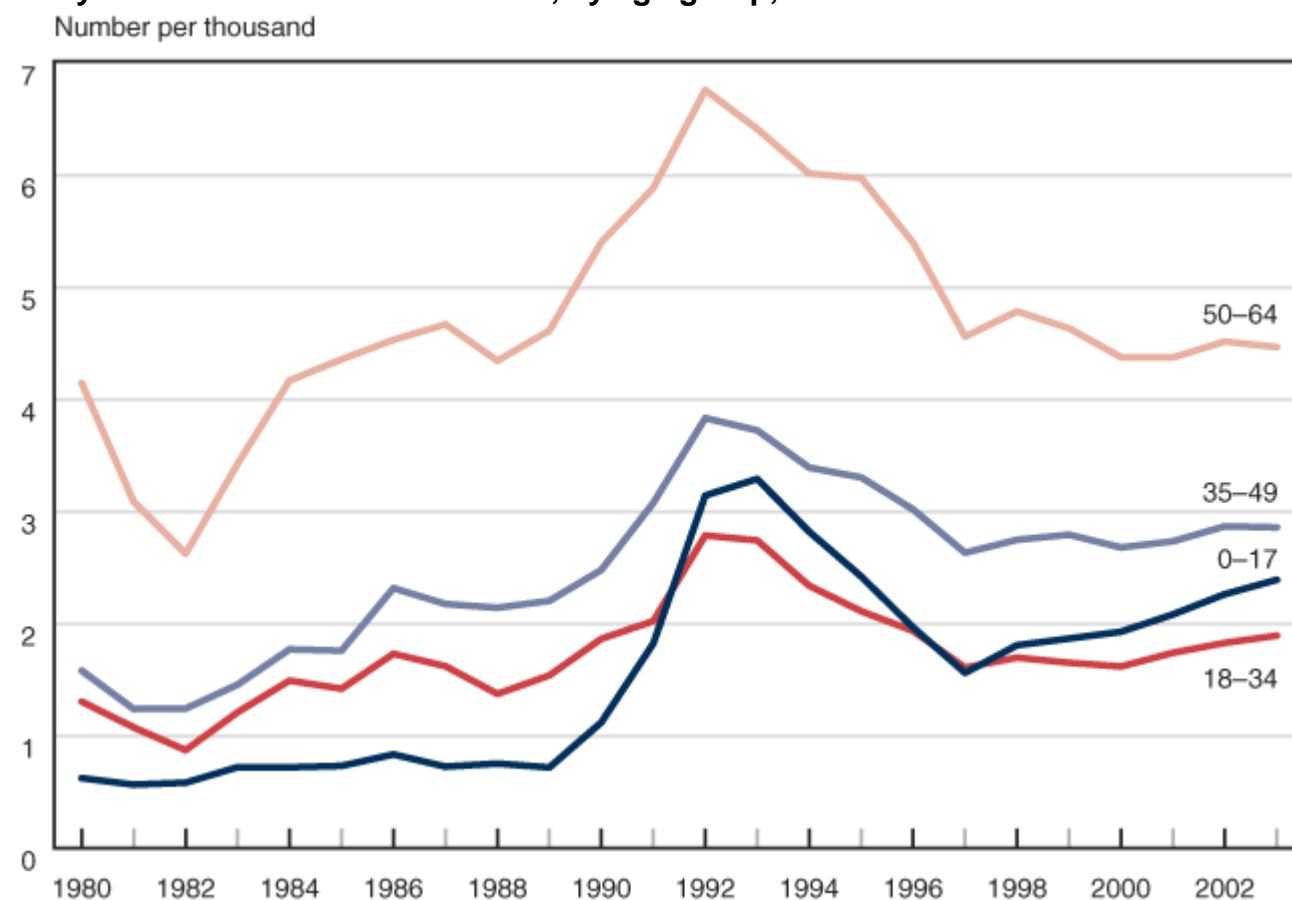


Figure 4:

Entry rate of SSI blind and disabled, by age group, 1980–2003



SOURCE: 2004 Annual Report of the Supplemental Security Income Program, Tables IV.A1 and IV.B2.

NOTE: The incidence rate is the number of blind and disabled SSI entrants per 1,000 in population. The reference population is the "Selected Social Security Area Population" of the appropriate age group and includes the population of the United States and several additional areas. See the [glossary](#) for a complete definition

The rate of entry of blind and disabled SSI recipients, regardless of age, increased in the late 1980s and early 1990s, showing that population growth and a changing age distribution cannot explain all of the growth of the SSI program. It is possible that the recession that peaked in the early 90s may have influenced these trends.

Number of SSDI Recipients 2002-2009 in NC